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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend and half term break ahead.

We are now at the halfway point of this final term in the school year and it has finally been good to see some drier and warmer weather. The summer term is a really important time in the school year with so much planned over the next seven school weeks before we break for the summer holidays.

Examination Season

The examination season has nearly reached the halfway point. Our thoughts and prayers are with all students sitting examinations this summer. We know that this is a challenging time for students and we hope that their hard work and dedication to their studies will be reflected in their examination results in August. There has been lots of pastoral and academic support in place for students to help prepare them for their examinations.. Parents should speak to their child's tutor or head of year if they have any concerns or need any further information.

Parent Survey

This is the time in the school calendar when we start to evaluate the work we do as a school and to identify our school improvement priorities for 2024-25. We would like to gather a range of stakeholder feedback to help shape our improvement priorities. We particularly want to hear from parents and would like to invite parents to complete the survey by clicking on the link below. Parents are asked to complete this survey by Friday 14th June2024. Those who complete their survey by this date will have their names entered into a prize draw for a £50 Amazon voucher.

Survey Link

Summer Term Extra Curricular Activities

The timetable for our 'Life to the full' curriculum and extra curricular activities is available on our school website. We would like to encourage students to get involved in as many activities as possible. Please click on the link below to see what's on offer:

Extra Curricular Activities

School Uniform/Summer Shorts

As I said in my letter before Easter, the student council has asked me to consider introducing a tailored school short as part of our summer school uniform. After careful consideration, I have decided to allow this optional item to be worn from May half term until the end of the academic year. We will review whether this will become a permanent addition to our school uniform before the end of the academic year.

Students may wear a plain black tailored school short. To give parents some clarity around the type of shorts that will be acceptable I have included some links to acceptable shorts below:

- Marks & Spencers - Click here to view these on the website
- Sainsbury's - Click here to view these on the website
- Asda - Click here to view these on the website
- School Uniform Shop - Click here to view on the website

Please note that only plain black, regular fit shorts are acceptable to be worn in school.

Cargo and Skinny Leg shorts are not permitted to be worn. Shorts must be plain black, without brand logos, stripes, ticks and any feature which is any other colour than black! If you are unsure about the type of short that is acceptable then please contact your child's tutor or head of year before making your purchase.

At the end of this term we will be holding a preloved school uniform swap-shop in school. Parents will be invited to send in any good quality, preloved uniform that their child may have outgrown or no-longer need. There will then be an opportunity for parents to come into school to select any preloved school uniform their child might need ahead of September. Full details will follow shortly.

Emergency Lockdown Practice

This term, we carried out a full lockdown drill in school. I'd like to congratulate all students for their response to this drill. We hope that we never need to do this for real, but it is important that all students and staff know what to do in this situation, so that we can keep all members of the community safe.

Key Dates

Monday - Friday	27.05.24 - 31.05.24	May Half Term Holidays
Friday	07.06.24	Years 7-10 SEN Review Day
Thursday	13.06.24	Year 6 Transition Evening for new parents
Wednesday	19.06.24	Shine - Performing Arts Production
Wednesday - Friday	19.06.24 - 28.06.24	Yr 10 and 12 Mock Exams
Thursday	20.06.24	Sixth Form Induction Day
Thursday	27.06.24	Year 13 Summer Ball (Livermead House Hotel)
Friday	28.06.24	Year 11 Summer Ball (Osborne Hotel)
Monday	01.07.24	Deep Learning Morning
Wednesday	03.07.24	Sports Day
Thursday	04.07.24	Yr 6 Transition Day
Thursday	04.07.24	Celebration of Achievement Evening
Friday	05.07.24	Reserve Sports Day
Monday - Friday	08.07.24 - 12.07.24	Yr 10 and 12 Work Experience
Wednesday	10.07.24	Civic Awards Evening
Thursday	11.07.24	Sports Awards Evening
Monday	15.07.24	End of Year Services
Wednesday - Friday	17.07.24 - 19.07.24	Enrichment Days
Friday	19.07.24	Final Day of the School Year

Wishing you and your family a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Down
Headteacher